

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Satoshi ASARI et al.	CONF. NO.: 5621
Serial No.	:	10/593,973	
Filed	:	September 22, 2006	
Art Unit	:	3652	
Examiner	:	John-Paul N. Mitchell	
For	:	VERTICAL HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF TRANSFERRING PROCESS OBJECTS	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2008, to which a response was due December 4, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following arguments. Accompanying the response is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

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